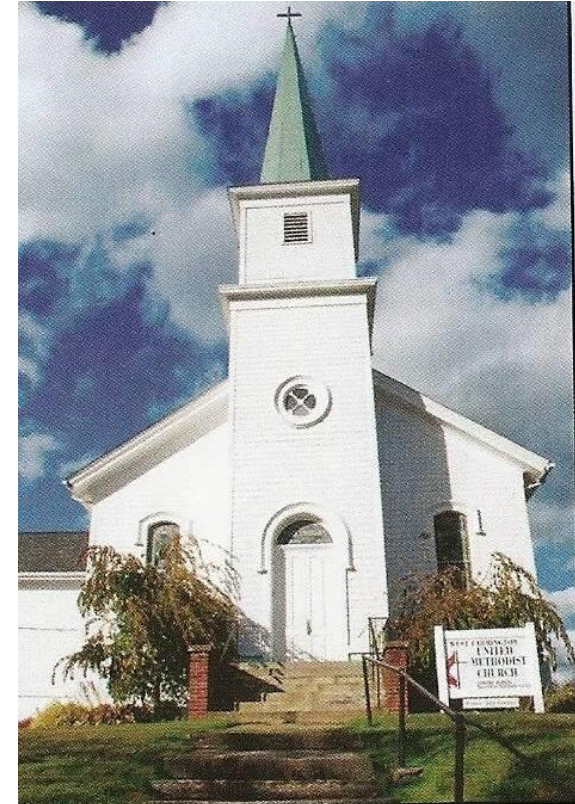


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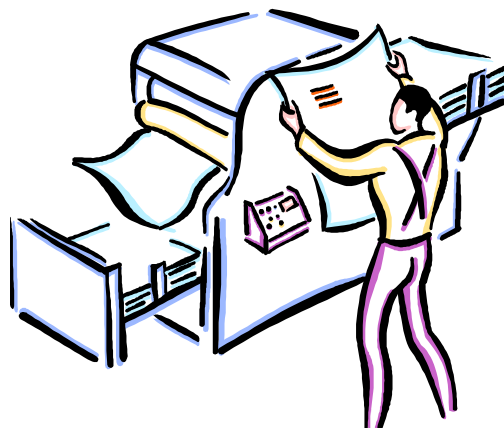
Every Saturday

SUMC Contemporary Service at 7:00pm
Very casual with snack time after.

Every Sunday

SUMC Worship 9:30 AM
SUMC Adult Sunday school at 10:30 AM
WFUMC Adult Sunday school 10:00 AM
Worship 11:00 AM
Children's Sunday school during the service
Nursery is available
Coffee downstairs before and after services

Thank you to all who have contributed to this newsletter! ~ Georgene



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 7 – Wynter Spangler
February 10 – Wanda Kover
February 13 – Hannah Woolf
February 16 – Carrie Lynn Umbach
February 20 – Jacki Mitton
February 20 – John Brandon
February 24 – Terri Marie Svoboda-Ackeret

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Our Friends in Need of Prayer:

Dinny Barnes, Tom Bedlion, Karen Boyles, Larry Brockway, Alexis Csehill, Joe Dorsey, Sylvia Duggers, Lisa Gerlt Ehas, Allen Frantz, Beth Giesy, Jackie Gingerich, LaRue Harshman, Theresa Helberg, Tonia Hillier, Emma Huth-Lafferty, Mouney Jarvis, Connie Mansfield Keller, Wanda Kover, Gregg List, Vicki Martin, Harry Moherman, Bruce and Helen Parker, Clinton Pell, Bill Philbrick, Lockie Philbrick, Tom & Debbie Pucak, Barb Reynolds, Mark Smith, Elise Sprong, Annie Stauffer, Kevin St. Clair, Dave Sutliff, Bobbie Vandall, Shirley Williams, Ray Young, Bill Pitkin, Anne Hilditch, Carol Williams

For all of our men & women serving in the Armed Services

To put someone on the prayer list please let Pastor Jim know their name, status/condition and your name. Cards are in the pews.

You can also email any prayer requests to: jimgeorge@gmail.com

Also, Please let Pastor Jim know any updates or names that can be removed. Or E-mail the church at WFchurchnews@gmail.com

Please Remember our Shut-Ins:

Ann Gerlt
Burton Health Care
14095 E.Center St.
Burton, OH 44021

Courier Deadline

The deadline for submitting to the Courier and the Church Calendar will **always be the next to the last Sunday** of each month. Next deadline is February 18.

I will accept hand written articles, but prefer them to be sent to the E-mail address if possible. All information will be considered, however Church New will always be first.

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UMW NEWS

By Carol Goddard

Meeting was started with Judy De reading from the Upper Room--Colossians 3: 12-17. Read the accompanying article and discussion ensued. Read ending prayer and we all then recited the Lords Prayer.

Five members were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read; accepted as read Treasurer's statement was read and discussed. To be placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS: 1.) Judy De said she would take charge of food for the Lenten Service on Sunday, Feb. 18. 2.) We discussed support of charities--agreeing that we would like to stay mostly with local charities as Warren Family Mission, Basement Outreach Mission; find some local ones that would be new for us. 3.) We also discussed checking on the candles; type that was used during our Christmas Eve services. See what options are available. Also check out candle situation for the Advent candles.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) We discussed appreciation gifts to some of church family. Motion made by Dorothy, second by Verona and carried- to give a gift to Betty for the

Sunday School class. 2.) Discussed having our March meeting at the Senior Center and enjoy lunch with them also 3.) We are going to have a Special Celebration Event for our February meeting which is on February 14: Valentine's Day. We are inviting the ladies of the area to come and bring a friend to "Share-the-Love". We will serve lunch, have a craft demonstration and have other fun surprises. An enjoyable time for all.

We had no further business to discuss, so meeting was closed in regular fashion. Sunshine: \$5.00

Respectfully submitted, Carol Goddard, Secretary

WFUMC Administrative board meeting

By Ann Hillier

Administrative Board Meeting – January 8, 2018

Those attending: Pastor Jim George, Mike Rowland, Pam Monroe, Elaine and Jim Freeman, Caroljean Goddard and Ann Hillier.

Pastor Jim led the devotions. Mike Rowland conducted the business meeting. The minutes from the November meeting were approved by all attending. The financial report for December was distributed by Pam Monroe. Finances were approved after a short discussion.

The old business remained the same except for payment of the chimes and repair of the parsonage bathroom. Pastor Jim will meet with Pam to get the amount of donations received for the chimes. The balance left after the donations will be paid from the Memorial Fund. Donations are still being accepted. A new commode and hot water heater have been approved for the down-stairs bathroom in the parsonage. This needs to be completed soon.

The Adult Sunday School is on hold. Childrens' Sunday School is doing well. A discussion was held about Vacation Bible School for next summer. Elaine Freeman will order a catalog for VBS programs. A date needs to be set. Bible Study is being held on Tuesdays, 10:00am in Southington at Halfway Restaurant except for second Tuesday which is at 10:30am.

The annual inspection form for the parsonage has been completed and submitted. It was decided to purchase a used sound board. Plans

are being formulated to acquire insurance on the church building and contents from a different insurance agency. Pastor Jim and Jim Freeman are both checking on pricing. The projector is in need of repair. Jim Freeman is checking on purchasing a new one.

The UMW held the annual Mrs. Claus' Closet in November. A carry-in dinner was held at the parsonage in December to celebrate Christmas. The UMW agreed to donate \$500 to the chime fund.

The noisy collection in December for the Salvation Army was not available. Future noisy collections will be:

1. Jan – Warren Family Mission
2. Feb – Someplace Safe
3. Mar – One Great Hour of Sharing
4. Local Missions – (Have a garage man-door to repair. Possibility of a ramp to build)
5. Oak Hill Mission Trip – week of June 24, 2018.
6. Food Pantry – 2nd Harvest – Need someone to pick up and deliver as needed

Reaching New People initiative – Vitality Team and Coaching will continue.

Jim Freeman suggested a surveillance camera be installed at each downstairs door to watch for intruders. They would be hooked to a monitor upstairs. No decision was made.

The Easter Egg production started on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. We need people to help.

The Safe Sanctuary Policy – Child Protection Policy. There is a need for a small team to organize this policy which includes church protection.

Caroljean Goddard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Elaine Freeman seconded the motion. MC Mike Rowland adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting will be February 12, 2018 at 7 pm.

PEANUT BUTTER EGGS



It's that time of year again for our annual peanut butter egg making! We will once again be making at least 19,000 eggs. Every Tuesday starting at 9 am is mixing and forming. Starting at 1 pm

it's dipping, trimming, patching and packing. Dippers should be there at 1 PM, packers at 2 PM.

MISSIONS

Noisy Collection

February 25 – Somewhere Safe

March 25– One Great Hour of Sharing

WFUMC Chimes Fund:

We've installed a New Chimes system (\$9,400). We still need \$3,000 in donations to cover this cost. If donating, please mark "Chimes".on your envelope or in the check memol Thank you



LADIES



Come Join Us & Bring A Friend

VALENTINE CELEBRATION TIME

West Farmington UMC

Wednesday, February 14th, 10:30 A.M.

*Lunch Will Be Served * Craft Demonstration*

Other Fun Surprises

“SHARE THE LOVE”

Sponsored by United Methodist Women

WEST FARMINGTON MEETINGS

Township Trustee's Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

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| Village Council | First Monday of each month at 7:00pm | Village Hall |
| Board of Public Affairs | Third Monday of each month 6:00pm | Village Hall |
| Zoning Commission | Fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm | Village Hall |

GROUNDHOG DAY FEBRUARY 2

On this day in 1887, **Groundhog Day**, featuring a rodent meteorologist, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather; no shadow means an early spring!



VALENTINE'S DAY February 14

Every February 14, across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint, and where did these traditions come from?

A man named Valentinus was martyred on February 14 late in the third century A.D.—this much we know. But when it comes to details about the life of St. Valentine, legend often supersedes fact.

The St. Valentine who inspired the holiday may have been two different men.

In all, there are about a dozen St. Valentines, plus a pope.

Valentine is the patron saint of beekeepers and epilepsy, among many other things.

You can find Valentine's skull in Rome.

Chaucer may have invented Valentine's Day.

You can celebrate Valentine's Day several times a year.

West Farmington Senior Center

150 College St. * PHONE: 330-889-2733

Weight Watchers

Meeting at the senior center every Thursday

Doors open at 5:00 PM

Meeting starts at 5:30 PM

\$14.00 weekly

\$11.00 if you are a lifetime member.

Breakfast

Breakfast every Monday, reasonably priced and open to all. 7:00 AM to noon

Book Club

Last Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM

Bingo

Thursdays at 1:00 PM

Lord Help Me

Dear Heavenly Father, So far today I've done all right. I haven't gossiped or lost my temper. I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty or self centered. I'm really happy about that so far. But: in a few minutes, I'm going to be getting out of bed and then I'm going to need a lot o help! Thank You!! Amen



February 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 Communion Sunday | 5 | 6 Windsor House 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 Halfway Rest Eggs 9 am mix 1 pm Dip and pack | 7 | 1 Joint Staff Parish Relations Comm. (SPRC) SUMC | 2 | 3 Contemporary Service 7 PM SUMC |
| 11 | 12 Admin Board 7PM WFUMC | 13 Windsor House 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 Halfway Rest Eggs 9 am mix 1 pm Dip and pack | 14 WFUM Valentine Celebration 10:30 Ash Wed. Services WFUMC Potluck 6:30 * Services 7:15 | 15 | 16 | 17 Contemporary Service 7 PM SUMC |
| 18 BAMA Lenten Service WFUMC 6 PM | 19 President's Day | 20 Windsor House 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 Halfway Rest Eggs 9 am mix 1 pm Dip and pack | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Contemporary Service 7 PM SUMC |
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